



City of Peabody

Department of Community Development and Planning

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO PROGRAM YEAR 2019 (FY20) ACTION PLAN

In accordance with 24 CFR 91.105(c)(2) of the federal regulations relative to citizen participation for Community Planning and Development Programs and applicable waivers made available to those requirements through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, notice is hereby given that the City of Peabody will hold a 5-day comment period beginning on January 13th through January 20th regarding the substantial amendment of the program year 2019-2020 Action Plan.

The City of Peabody has been notified of an award of at least \$523,178. In accordance with the CARES Act, the funds must be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. The purpose of the substantial amendment is to add this new allocation (CDBG-CV) to our program year 2019 Action Plan as an available resource. A copy of the Action Plan Amendment will be posted on the City's website at www.peabody-ma.gov on the Community Development page under Community Development Block Grant.

The CDBG-CV funds will be utilized to meet emergency needs that are a direct result of the COVID-19 virus. Funds will be provided to local service providers that have been assisting Peabody households directly affected by COVID-19. It is anticipated that the CDBG-CV funds will be utilized to meet emergency needs, which may include housing, economic development, infrastructure/public facilities and/or public services. Projects may include emergency rental and homeless prevention assistance, assistance to affected businesses, improvement of facilities for health purposes, meal/grocery delivery and/or the purchase of personal protection equipment. In addition to planned activities that benefit low and moderate income persons, the City of Peabody may undertake activities to meet urgent, emergency needs. FY20 funds may be reprogrammed to activities to address those needs, including housing, infrastructure, public facilities, assistance to affected businesses, public services or planning, capacity building or technical assistance. Such changes may include a modification in purpose, scope, location or beneficiaries of activities.

A virtual public hearing will be held on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 5:00 pm, to invite comments on the Substantial Amendment to the program year 2019 Action Plan. Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A § 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. Individuals may participate remotely in the meeting via a remote participation platform called Zoom. Members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting may access the remote participation through any one of the following ways:

- Enter this link into your web browser to join the meeting:
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88596069332?pwd=dXpjV3BSb0R0c1Jyc2tuMjE1R0ZZZz09>
- Enter this link into your web browser to open the Zoom website: <https://zoom.us/join>. Enter the meeting/webinar **ID# 885 9606 9332** as directed on the webpage and click “Join”. Follow the onscreen instructions to join the meeting.
- Participants can dial a **toll-free number + 1 646 558 8656 US** to join the meeting. When prompted, enter meeting/webinar **ID# 885 9606 9332** and follow the instructions to join the meeting.

Questions may be sent to stacey.bernson@peabody-ma.gov. Public comments must be received no later than January 20th, 2021 and may be submitted via email to stacey.bernson@peabody-ma.gov or by mail, postmarked no later than January 20th, 2021 to the City of Peabody, Department of Community Development and Planning, 24 Lowell Street, Peabody, MA 01960. Written submissions received will be summarized and made available at www.peabody-ma.gov.